

WEST DOWN VILLAGE GREEN FIELD ASSOCIATION

Management Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th December 2017 8pm in the Iron Room

Present: Chairman, Mr John Stainer; Vice-chair/Secretary, Mrs Dianne McGahran; Mr Roy Drew; Mrs Pauline Hart; Mr Paul Hillier; Mrs Sara Hodsman; Mrs Carole King; Mr Keith Oades.

1. APOLOGIES: Treasurer, Mrs Grazyna Ellis; Mrs Alison Hume; Dr Adam Kwiatkowski; Mr Pete McGahran
2. The meeting planned for Mon 6th Nov had been cancelled, therefore the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 25th September 2017 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
3. MATTERS ARISING from the minutes of 25th September 2017
Item 2 – Mr Paul Hillier signed the Charity Commission's declaration form
Item 4 – Old goal posts being dealt with by Keith and Paul

Other items not covered in this meeting to be c/fwd to January. (Item 8 – Plastic goal posts & Green Gym equipment / Item 12 – mesh to be fitted / Item 13 – memorial to Jane)

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – The Finance sheet, showing solvent funds, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

£8.83 was reimbursed to the Chairman for a replacement spring purchased for the mower.

Mrs Sara Hodsman expressed her disapproval regarding money Ringfenced for the Play Area not having been spent – especially as last year's Secret Santa raised funds specifically for the SeeSaw which has not yet been sited. The Chairman explained that Mr Jon Rodney-Jones has confirmed that he has completed the repairs and Mr Roger Clarke has confirmed he will prepare the ground when weather permits. Progress has been slower than anticipated but Mr Jon R-J is extremely busy and has undertaken the task on a voluntary basis in between his own work commitments for which we are most grateful. Dianne McGahran voiced her concerns that there seems to be a misconception that money ring-fenced for the Play Area is purely for purchasing equipment; whereas it is also held to cover the costs of repairs, inspections etc. Mrs Sara Hodsman said she understood this but reiterated her frustrations and left the meeting. Valid points Sara raised were discussed and the aim now will be to get the see-saw installed in January if at all possible. The Chairman will approach Rhino Play regarding purchasing safety matting and undertaking the inspection of the seesaw. It was agreed that communication needs to be improved and that the main fundraisers should have been kept informed of the seesaw's progress.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – The secretary had been contacted again by a resident who would like gaps in the hedges blocked to prevent her dogs escaping from the field. This has been discussed in the past and the general consensus remains the same; i.e that dog proofing the site would be impossible. Mrs Pauline Hart confirmed that the dogs in question are now being kept on leads in the field.

6. BRIEF UPDATES

Field Maintenance – Thanks were again expressed to Martin Hodsman & Andy Lyons for keeping on top of the grass cutting and doing such an excellent job. It was also acknowledged that Sara Hodsman also carries out grass-cutting and has spent a lot of time doing so this year. The work of all three of them is very much appreciated.

Mower – As agreed (Sept, item 7), Keith will organise the ramp for the storage container.

SeeSaw – covered under Treasurer's Report.

Allotments & Section 106 – nothing reported

Air Ambulance Landing Site – At a recent village forum, support for the air ambulance project was apparent from representatives of village organisations. As evidence that the community is behind the project, the Parish Council needs letters of endorsement before their next meeting on 4th Jan 2018. That *the committee of WDVGFA support the proposal for a night landing site to be situated within the Community Field, subject to the West Down Parish Council applying for and paying for the necessary planning permission asap, also that the PC are willing to act as the financial facilitator receiving and ring-fencing the project funding and claiming back all VAT costs for this community project* was proposed by Mr Keith Oades, seconded by Mrs Pauline Hart and unanimously agreed by all present. The Chairman is looking into grants and funding sources

Boggy Garden Lane Entrance – The Chairman is liaising with Mr Roger Clarke re the possibility of improving access and extending the path into the field.

7. FUND RAISING – Although the driver confirmed his availability, the Secret Santa did not take place due to attendance probably being affected by something else (Sept item 11)
The Xmas Raffle will be drawn on Xmas Eve in the Crown. The Chairman expressed thanks to everyone who donated prizes. **Please leave any more to come in Di McG's porch**

9. HEALTH & SAFETY - no new issues

10 AOB – There is an urgent need for younger members of the community to join the committee and become more involved with the Community Field.

Mrs Carole King offered to arrange for minutes to be displayed on the Community website and to add points of interest to the Shop Newsletter.

11. NEXT MEETING DATES:

Management Meeting Monday 22nd January 2018, 8pm in the Iron Room

AGM Monday 26th February 2018